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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.111 AND 1.115.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 23, 2001, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION: Please insert the enclosed Sequence Listing into the

Specification, just before the Claims, and please replace pages 8, 15, 17, 18,

19, 20, and 25 with substitute sheets provided herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS: Kindly rewrite Claims 2, 6, and 10-17 as follows, marked-up claims are attached hereto: